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1. VERY LIMITED INFORMATION WE NOW HAVE ON SENIOR OFFICIALS IN CEMA SECRETARIAT FOLLOWS. WE EXPECT TO GET FURTHER DETAILS WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

2. FADEYEV HAS FIVE TOP AIDES WHO CARRY TITLE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY. THEY ARE JERZY SZOPA (POLAND), FNU GORDING (GDR), FNU TODOROV (BULGARIA), FNU KOVACH (HUNGARY), FNU CONSTANTINESCU (ROMANIA). ALL HAVE EQUAL RANK, DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS, E.E., PRESS, FOREIGN RELATIONS.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SZOPA (BUT NOT ON HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN CEMA) IS AVAILABLE IN STATE'S REPAIR WHICH WE SUGGEST BE FORWARDED TO USEC BURSSSELS.

4. WE ARE INFORMED THAT "MOISSEYENKO" WHO WILL REPORTEDLY HEAD CEMA SIDE IN NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN HERE ON FEB 4 (REF B), IS S.V. MOITYENKO RPT MOITYENKO, A SOVIET NATIONAL, WHO IS HEAD OF FOREIGN TRADES DEPARTMENT IN RESEARCH AREA OF CEMA SECRETARIAT. IN THIS CAPACITY HE SPECIALIZES IN INTRA-CEMA TRADE BUT NOT IN TRADE BETWEEN
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CEMA COUNTRIES AND NON-CEMA WORLD. BECAUSE OF LIMITED

SCOPE OF HIS EXPERIENCE, OFFICERS OF SEVERAL EEC EMBASSIES
HERE ARE QUESTIONING HIS SUITABILITY TO LEAD NEGOTIATIONS
WITH A WEST EUROPEAN GROUP OF COUNTRIES ALTHOUGH THERE IS
NO INDICATION THAT THEIR OBJECTIONS WILL CARRY ANY WEIGHT.
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